





2016

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Tri Kappa of Auburn's DeKalb County Pink Out.

Whereas, The mission of Tri Kappa of Auburn's DeKalb County Pink Out is to raise breast cancer awareness in the community, to educate about early detection, and to save lives;

Whereas, The goal of Tri Kappa of Auburn is to empower women and to educate their peers that early detection is key to survival of breast cancer;

Whereas, While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to detect the disease in its early stages and to encourage others to do the same;

Whereas, Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States;

Whereas, The American Cancer Society reports that in 2015 there were 35,620 new cases of cancer in the state of Indiana, and 4,600 of those were breast cancer;

Whereas, In DeKalb County alone there were 229 community members diagnosed with cancer, 30 of those being breast cancer;

Whereas, A woman's risk of developing breast cancer goes up as she ages;



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Whereas, About one in eight invasive breast cancers are found in women younger than 45, while about two of three invasive breast cancers are found in women age 55 or older;

Whereas, The Alpha Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc. has partnered with DeKalb Health, Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography, St. Martin's Health Clinic, and Woman's Health Advantage to increase cancer screenings in Northeast Indiana for the purpose of reducing breast cancer deaths through early detection;

Whereas, The DeKalb County Pink Out will include events throughout the month of May dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer by collaborating with several community sponsors, professional associations, and retail stores that will work together to ensure that the Pink Out message is heard by thousands of women and their families;

Whereas, Pink Out events will include Zumbathon, 5K family run, Downtown Shop Pink, Health & Wellness Fair, Pink Parade, and a Tribute Ceremony on May 19, 2016, in the heart of downtown Auburn; and

Whereas, Heightened community awareness and early detection through screening will increase the survival chances of DeKalb County breast cancer patients: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly acknowledges the work done by Tri Kappa of Auburn to increase awareness of breast cancer in the community and to educate Hoosiers regarding early detection of the disease.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Tri Kappa of Auburn.

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